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INTERVIEW SUMMARY

The applicants appreciate the courtesies extended by Examiner Tran during the Telephone Interview of January 18, 2007. During the Telephone Interview applicants' undersigned representative asked whether an After Final Amendment would be entered at this stage of the prosecution. Examiner Tran indicated that the amendment raises new issues, and therefore would not be entered at this stage. Accordingly, the Amendment is being filed with a Request for Continued Examination (RCE).

During the Telephone Interview the Examiner inquired as to whether the claim amendments are supported by the specification. For the sake of completeness, the Remarks in the Amendment have been modified to point to portions of the specification that support the

claim amendments. For convenience, the discussion of the claim amendment support from the Remarks of the After-Final Amendment is reproduced below.

Claim Amendments

In this Amendment claims 1, 8, 19 and 24-25 are amended, claims 39-43 are added, and no claims are canceled. As a result, claims 1-12, 19-29 and 34-43 remain pending in the application. Support for the claim amendments can be found throughout of the disclosure, for instance, at pages 11-12 of the specification. For example, claim 1 has been amended to recite “means for selecting predefined keywords selected for the user specified theme” and identifying one or more logical channels which relate to the user specified theme “by detecting a match of the predefined keywords of said user specified theme.” (The other independent claims have been amended in a similar manner.) The specification supports these amendments, disclosing that, in a theme-based favorites list, the user specifies the type of events that the user wishes to include in the list.¹ The selected theme and sub-theme may be selected from a set of predefined keywords.²

Dependent claim 39 is added reciting “wherein said predefined keywords are direct broadcast satellite (DBS) content descriptors.” The specification includes a table of DBS content descriptor keywords in Figures 6A, 6B and 6C.

Dependent claim 40 is added reciting “wherein said one or more logical channels are identified to relate to the user specified theme by the match of the predefined keywords independent of a number of times the one or more logical channels have been viewed.” Support for this claim amendment can be found throughout of the disclosure, for instance, at pages 11-13

¹ Specification, page 11, lines 6-8.


of the specification. For example, the specification discloses the theme-based favorites list, explaining that the user specifies the type of events to include (e.g., using keywords) and the system dynamically and automatically determines what channels are showing an event of that type and includes them on the favorites list. The specification also discloses another embodiment drawn to the usage-based favorites list, explaining that the user specifies a day or set of time slots and the system monitors actual usage of the system to generate a list of the channels most watched on that day or set of time slots. These are separate embodiments and may be performed independently of each other, as is known by those of ordinary skill in the art. That is, the selection of favorite channels using the theme-based favorites list is performed independently from the selection of favorite channels using the usage-based favorites list.

² Specification, page 11, lines 15-17 and page 12, lines 11-14.

CONCLUSION

In the event there are any unresolved issues, the Examiner is kindly invited to contact applicant's representative, Scott Richardson, by telephone at (571) 748-4765 so that such issues may be resolved as expeditiously as possible.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Scott Charles Richardson", is written over a horizontal line.

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